

Consideration of the dedication of Allee Woods Nature Preserve, Parke County

The proposed nature preserve is a 162-acre property located along Sugar Creek, near the town of Annapolis, in Parke County. This tract contains deeply dissected ravines, sandstone canyons, stands of hemlock trees, and old growth mesic upland forest. It is owned and managed by Wabash College.

Allee Woods is considered one of Indiana's highest quality natural areas. It was included in "Natural Areas in Indiana and Their Preservation" by Lindsey, Schmelz and Nichols, and given a number 1 priority rating. Allee Woods was donated to Wabash College in 1957 by the heirs of Dr. Warder C. Allee, an eminent ecologist and author.

Allee Woods is located within the project boundaries of Governor Daniel's Healthy Rivers Initiative Conservation Project. Its immediate neighbors are mossy Point Nature Preserve, owned by the Central Indiana Land Trust (CILTI) on the south, and Division of Forestry owned property on its north and east boundary.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map indicating the location and boundaries of Allee Woods Nature Preserve.

Nature Preserve Exhibit A

Nature Preserve

County: Parke
Size: 162 acres

USGS Map: Montezuma 7.5' Quad
Ownership: Wabash College

